

PUSHCARTS MUST GO.

TO KEEP STREETS CLEAR.

Special Committee Will Advise Building of Several Markets.

For nearly six months a special committee appointed by Mayor McClellan has been investigating the pushcart situation and endeavoring to find a solution of this difficult civic problem. The committee included the department commissioners who were most interested and members of several civic reform bodies. Their opinions as to the right way out of the pushcart difficulty differed widely in the beginning, but they have at last found a common ground, and their final report will be ready for the Mayor on July 10.

The work of the commission has been most thorough. Sub-committees were appointed and went into every phase of the problem. Pushcart owners have been examined and their side of the matter given full attention. Commissioner Woodbury of the Department of Street Cleaning presented forceful arguments in favor of driving the pushcart men from the streets entirely and putting them in markets in various parts of the city. These arguments he backed up with reports from his subordinates, showing in detail the trouble which the pushcart men caused street cleaners. Dr. Darlington, of the Department of Health, even went into the immigration phase of the trouble, as well as the menace to public health through the sale of vegetables and fruit from uncovered wagons.

Every effort is being made to keep the findings of the committee a secret until the Mayor's action. It is learned on good authority, however, that the report will strongly recommend that the city establish six or seven markets in different parts of the city, and that the bulk of the pushcart men be forced to take up their stands within the market boundaries. There they can be regulated by the police and the sanitary officers of the Department of Health. Mayor Woodbury has favored this solution from the beginning, and is said to have finally won over the others.

The exact location of the markets is a matter which the committee will leave to the city authorities. It will be necessary to buy several high priced lots in different parts of the city. The market structures need not be expensive. On the West Side it is likely that the committee will recommend markets in the vicinity of Thompson and Sullivan sts., the heart of a growing Italian colony, at 27th-st. and Ave. C, where there is a large tenement settlement of negroes and foreigners, and at some point in Harlem west of 8th-ave.

On the East Side the committee under the new East River bridge is already available as a market, and another section is being used by the fish peddlers. Another market would be advisable in the vicinity of 14th-st. and 1st-ave, and still another in Little Italy, the most crowded section of Harlem. There is much evidence that even in the markets the pushcart peddlers will need watching. The committee has discovered a curious practice in the fish market under the Williamsburg Bridge. He caught Anna Wolpert, a fish woman, in the act of painting the gills of the fish she had for sale. The fish were beginning to be tainted and the gills had turned white. She put rouge on each gill, thus restoring them to their normal appearance. The Health Department will make an examination of the paint she was using.

PORT RECEIPTS INCREASE \$1,575,415.37.

Imports of Merchandise for 1904-'05 Break All Records.

The totals for the year's commerce through the port of New-York and the duties collected therefrom were made public yesterday at the Custom House. The figures were estimated.

The imports of merchandise through the port for the year ending June 30 were valued at \$84,467,142, as compared with \$60,170,553 last year. The exports of domestic merchandise were valued at \$56,458,457, as compared with \$45,558,208. The total value of foreign merchandise was \$12,910,306, as compared with \$12,102,254.

The imports of gold and silver bullion amounted to \$15,545,000, as against \$12,415,000 for the year ending June 30, 1904. The exports of domestic gold and silver, including the large amounts exported for the payment of the French owners of the Panama Canal properties, amounted to \$10,145,000, as against \$8,000,000 for the year ending June 30, 1904.

The transit trade amounted to \$45,425,000, as compared with \$30,700,000 for the year ending June 30, 1904. The duties collected on merchandise during the fiscal year were \$17,524,000, as against \$15,700,000 for the year ending June 30, 1904. Attention was called to the fact that while the latter year was valued at \$84,467,142, when \$12,910,306 was collected, the value of imported merchandise that year was only \$615,705,662.

TO FORM BIG HOP COMBINATION.

Oregon Growers to Hold Convention in July to Further Project.

Portland, Ore., June 30.—A dispatch to "The Oregonian" from Eugene, Ore., says that it has been decided at a meeting of the hop growers to form a corporation to handle the crop of the Pacific Coast, with the purpose of controlling prices. It is the intention to hold a convention in July, which will be attended by delegates from the several hop districts in the State, to form the corporation.

After the formation of the corporation, which will do the marketing, the growers will be able to extend the field of the corporation to Washington and Idaho, and then to New-York, and to place the control of the entire output of the United States under one corporation.

ATTACHMENT AGAINST PRISONER.

The Sheriff yesterday received an attachment for \$125 against the property of John H. Stromsander, otherwise known as James Snyder, or George Snyder, a promoter, who is arrested on Thursday in the Gainsborough apartments at No. 112 Riverside Drive, in favor of John A. Harris, a broker, at No. 40 Wall-st., for money advanced last March. The attachment was granted by Justice Tracy, of the Supreme Court, on the ground that Stromsander was a resident of Pittsburgh, and a deputy sheriff served a copy of the attachment on the property clerk at Police Headquarters.

ADVANCE IN PRICE OF COAL.

The usual monthly advance of 10 cents per ton on domestic sizes of anthracite coal goes into effect to-day. This makes the second advance by the local retail dealers and the third by the coal operators, it being the fixed policy of the company for the last three years. The retail price for July will be \$6.95 per ton in Manhattan and The

OFFERS CHEAPER RATES.

Atlantic Telephone Company Asks for New-York Franchise.

An application of the Atlantic Telephone Company for a franchise to carry on a general "telephone, telegraph and teleautograph business in all boroughs of the city" was before the Board of Estimate yesterday, and was referred, after a hearing, to Controller Grout, for an inquiry as to the value of the franchise. At the hearing, Colonel J. D. Powers, president of the company, said he represented six hundred thousand independent telephones within one thousand miles of the city, which were clamoring for connection with New-York. He spoke of the advantage to the city in the establishment of competition to the existing monopoly, and promised an interborough rate of five cents a message.

No one appeared in opposition, but the Merchants' Association sent a communication expressing satisfaction with the existing telephone conditions, and warning the city not to be in too great a hurry to promote opposition and destructive competition. Speaking of the company's plans, John A. L. Campbell, of the law firm of Campbell & La Far, general counsel for the company, said:

"We are much pleased at the outcome of the hearing to-day. We were not at all surprised at the protest filed by the New-York Telephone Company through the Merchants' Association. It will scarcely require any argument to show the source of that protest. The fact is, since the basic patents of the Bell expired some ten years ago, more than two million telephones have been installed in the United States, and more than \$300,000,000 of money is invested in the business. With the exception of New-York and Boston, every large city in the country has two systems of telephones, and the fact that the independent companies are operating nearly three times as many telephones as the Bell, which has been in the business over thirty years, speaks for itself.

The equipment of the independent companies is on a par with that of the Bell. The charges on the whole do not average 50 per cent of those of the Bell. The exact location of the markets is a matter which the committee will leave to the city authorities. It will be necessary to buy several high priced lots in different parts of the city. The market structures need not be expensive. On the West Side it is likely that the committee will recommend markets in the vicinity of Thompson and Sullivan sts., the heart of a growing Italian colony, at 27th-st. and Ave. C, where there is a large tenement settlement of negroes and foreigners, and at some point in Harlem west of 8th-ave.

NEW RECORD COTTON PRICES.

Advance Largely Due to Stopping July Notes and Rumors of Corner.

There was a renewal of bull activity and excitement in the cotton market yesterday, with prices making new high records for the season. The advance was largely due to the stopping of July notes and rumors of a corner in that position, and was assisted also by further accounts of a very strong Southern market, as usual at this time of the progress of the crop. July sales amounted to 2,300,000 bales, or 43 cents a bale, and the market advanced, selling as high as 57 1/2 cents a pound, or \$9.37 1/2 a bale, before settling at 57 1/4 cents, or \$9.31 1/4 a bale. The market was very active, and the late trading, on realizing, but the market held steady, at net advances for the active futures from 1/4 to 3/8 of a cent. The total sales were estimated at 650,000 bales.

NEW PLACE FOR W. A. STADELMAN.

The Wellman-Seaver-Morgan Company, of Cleveland, has appointed W. A. Stadelman, of New-York, general manager of the company. Mr. Stadelman, who is a resident of New-York, was in the wreck of the Twentieth Century Limited, had heretofore included in his duties the direction of the sales department of the company.

AMERICANS IN VIENNA.

Vienna seems to maintain its popularity as one of the chief points of interest for Americans visiting Europe, and this season it is reported that a large number of Americans are expected to arrive early in the fall. In fact, the Hotel Bristol, which is a large majority of Americans stay when in Vienna, has already received orders for the coming season. The hotel is a fine one, and the service is excellent. The hotel is a fine one, and the service is excellent.

DECREASE IN PRICE OF SILVER.

Washington, June 30.—The quarterly statement of the value of foreign coins, issued by the director of the Mint, shows that in the last three months there has been a net decrease in the price of silver of .0075 cent a fine ounce.

THE FEDERAL TREASURY.

Washington, June 30.—The condition of the Treasury, divisions of issue and redemption, at the beginning of business to-day was as follows:

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MANY MORTGAGES FILED.

Register Romner's Force Busy All Day—\$30,000,000 Represented.

The fact that the mortgage tax law goes into effect to-day served to draw a crowd of more than four thousand persons to the Morton Building, in Nassau-st., yesterday. At times the pushing through became so numerous that finally Register Romner was obliged to ask Captain Hodgins of the Oak-st. station for policemen to aid him in carrying on the business of his office. Captain Hodgins responded quickly and sent to the building a squad of men under the command of Detective Maher, who, after looking over the ground, decided that six men could take care of the crowds and withdrew the rest of the squad.

The figures for the day had not been made up early this morning, although at 1 o'clock twenty-five clerks were still at work on the papers. They expected to stay until daylight, though their hopes were that the work would be finished by about 3 o'clock. About midnight Mr. Romner gave out a statement in which he said that for the day there had been no fewer than three thousand papers filed. He said that of these three thousand papers, more than two thousand were mortgages, and that the amount of money represented in the papers could be not less than \$30,000,000. His examination of the papers, he explained, was only cursory and the corrected tables might show him to be badly mistaken.

With Mr. Romner were his first deputy, Henry H. Sherman; second deputy, Joseph P. Hennessey, and the chief clerk, Bernard Douras. William H. Sinnott, the newly appointed deputy, was on hand, and offered his services, but as his term of office does not begin until to-day the offer was declined.

The office of the Register in Kings County has been fairly swamped with work in the last few days. On Thursday all records in the history of the office were broken, when 1,138 mortgages were filed, and on Friday, when 1,000 mortgages were filed, the record was again broken. Yesterday this record was surpassed, as in the neighborhood of 2,350 mortgages were presented to be placed on file.

Register Dooley will not announce the names of the borrowers, but he is expected to add to his staff as a result of the additional work caused by the Mortgage Tax bill until to-day. Inasmuch as he is to have a hard primary fight on his hands in the fall, and no election possible, it is believed that most of the appointments will be from his own district, the 12th.

POWDERLY CONTROLS COAL COMPANY.

Meeting of Black Diamond Stockholders Under His Sway.

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